

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.

Important news concerning Iloilo was received at the War Department from General Otis to day. There is reason to believe that General Otis has sent reinforcements to Brigadier-General Miller in command of the detachment there, with instructions to demand the surrender of the place and if the demand is refused to take it by force. The troops at Iloilo are the 19th regular infantry and a battery of the 6th regular artillery. They are on transports lying near the entrance to Iloilo bay. The warships Baltimore and Petrel are at Iloilo and the Boston is on her way there to relieve the Baltimore.

There is a great deal of talk at the Senate about the influence that were brought to bear upon Senators to make them vote against their real conviction for the ratification of the Spanish treaty. It is said that the Attorney General has the case of one of them who is under indictment before him, that another one was promised a tariff on sugar and that another was influenced by the fear that his plagiarism would be exposed.

General Miles was before the Senate committee on military affairs to-day and gave much information. He expressed the opinion that as there was doubt about the passage of the army reorganization bill, the service could get along all right if a resolution were passed extending the present law so that 62,000 men could be retained.

Mr. Pilcher of Fauquier county, Virginia, who is a candidate for the speakership of the House of Delegates of his State, and who, his friends say, has congressional aspirations, and Mr. John S. Barbour of Culpeper, called on Senator Martin at the Capitol to-day. Senator Daniel of Virginia, is in Richmond.

The House Judiciary committee has reported favorably the following bill: "That in addition for the eastern district of Virginia there shall be one clerk only, to be appointed by the judge of the district court, and said clerk may have as many deputies as may be necessary, to be appointed as now provided by law." There are now and have been for many years three clerks, one at Richmond, one at Norfolk and one at Alexandria. The same committee also reported favorably a bill providing that hereafter "no person shall be disqualified for any service in any court or in any branch or department of the government of the United States on account of participation in the civil war of 1861-1865."

The remains of General John A. Rawlins which have rested in the Congressional Cemetery since his death in 1869, were this afternoon transferred to Arlington National Cemetery by a military escort.

In the Senate to-day, at Mr. Martin's instance, a bill by Charles T. Plunkett of Cambridge, Virginia, \$104.50 for U. S. court expenses, was passed.

The friends of the late Southern mail are confident that the appropriation for keeping up that service, struck out by the House, will be reinserted by the Senate, and straight away it may even be some of the supporters of the ship subsidy bill apparently have no doubt that that bill will also become a law.

Congressman Hay of Virginia, a member of the House military committee, has declined to accept the invitation extended to him by the committee by Secretary Alger to visit Cuba and Porto Rico, soon after the adjournment of Congress.

Senator Morgan has consented to accept the House substitute for his Nicaragua canal bill and it is said a scheme has been devised to insure its passage. It is proposed to attach it to an amendment to the river and harbor bill, as most Senators and Representatives want the latter to pass, owing to the appropriations for their States, the scheme is considered an excellent one.

On Monday next the suit of W. M. Cooper of Newport News, Virginia, representing \$30,000 of the loss of the creditors against the assignees of the firm of Porterfield & Co. of this city, will come up in the equity court here before Judge Cox. The suit is to put the affairs of the broken firm into the hands of a receiver, and compel the members of the firm who drew out a short time before the failure, to pay their share of the loss.

MISS SELDEN'S FROG FARM.

One of the sights of Friendship, N. J., is the frog farm of Miss Mona Selden. She was a school teacher in New York a few years ago. Ill-health forced her to resign and caused her to take up a unique occupation. Miss Selden visited a market one day and saw dozens of frogs for sale. She found they were high priced and immediately got the idea that she could make money raising frogs.

The country around Friendship is dotted with marshes and small ponds that during the spring and summer are full of frogs of all sizes. This land was considered of little value, and when Miss Selden offered one of the owners \$2 an acre for twenty acres of the wettest and boggiest of it, he jumped at the chance to sell.

The first thing Miss Selden did to her property was to fence it in, and when her purpose became known to the neighbors they set at the village stores at night and cracked jokes at her expense.

It was late in the season when Miss Selden finished the job of fencing, and she spent the winter in reading everything she could get hold of that told about frogs, and when she wasn't reading she was out in a barn shooting at a mark with a target life. When spring came and the frog season opened the former school teacher could hit a bullseye at sixty paces, and she went to shooting frogs on her preserves and shipping them to New York. The first season she cleared \$1,500.

Then those who had laughed at her went to shooting frogs and sold them to her, while she shipped them to New York at a nice profit. That was five years ago. She has since made from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year in the business.—[N. Y. Herald.]

TOOK RIFLES TO ARM THE FILIPINOS.

A dispatch from Washington says: It may be that it was Rear Admiral Dewey's act in seizing a vessel loaded with arms and ammunition intended for them that incited the Philippine insurgents to attack the American soldiers Saturday night, for it is understood that one of the bitterest of their grievances was that they declared to be unwarrantable interference with their shipping. It is learned at the orders of the new owners of the property to be effective. The titles equipment and other property have already been transferred. Mr. Elliott is expected in Baltimore to-day, when he will complete all arrangements with General Gill for the transfer of the property. The name of the new corporation will be the Atlantic and Yachin Valley. Mr. Harry Walters, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, which has acquired the property, says the total purchase money will be paid in cash to the creditors. The total amount of the purchase money is \$3,110,000, including a portion of the equipment. In a short time Mr. Walters expects all legal entanglements to be cleared away, and the way will then be clear for an issue of new securities.

CAPE FEAR AND YADKIN VALLEY.—Gen. John Gill, receiver of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, yesterday in Baltimore arranged with Mr. W. G. Elliott, president of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, and representative of the Atlantic Coast Line, to transfer the railroad to him at midnight of February 14th. The transfer to be made includes the operation of the property, and after midnight of the date named the orders of the new owners of the property will be effective. The titles equipment and other property have already been transferred. Mr. Elliott is expected in Baltimore to-day, when he will complete all arrangements with General Gill for the transfer of the property. The name of the new corporation will be the Atlantic and Yachin Valley. Mr. Harry Walters, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, which has acquired the property, says the total purchase money will be paid in cash to the creditors. The total amount of the purchase money is \$3,110,000, including a portion of the equipment. In a short time Mr. Walters expects all legal entanglements to be cleared away, and the way will then be clear for an issue of new securities.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, February 8.

SENATE.

The Senate passed the resolution authorizing the Geological Survey to publish a new map of Alaska, ten thousand copies for the use of the Senate, twenty thousand for the House, and ten thousand to be distributed by the Director of the Geological Survey.

Mr. Wolcott complained that these appropriations grow each year with gigantic strength.

Mr. Allen favored the resolution.

Mr. Hale reported favorably with amendments the naval personnel bill, and asked that a new print of the measure be ordered.

Mr. Ross gave notice that he would ask the Senate to consider on February 22d the resolutions recently passed in memory of the late Senator Morrill, of Vermont.

A bill authorizing the renewal of pensions to soldiers and sailors who enlisted for the war with Spain was passed. The renewal will commence from the date of discharge and on application.

Mr. Tillman said to Mr. Gallinger, that he could not understand how men who served 35 years ago in the civil war and were drawing pensions for "disability" as the law required were now physically able to do any fighting. This caused quite a laugh on the floor and in the galleries.

Mr. Hon. suggested that Major General Butler, of South Carolina, fought in the civil war, he was minus a leg, but able to enlist for the recent war.

"Yes," exclaimed Mr. Tillman, "but he has not been drawing a pension." Then Mr. Tillman inquired if this ex-Confederate would get a pension from Uncle Sam when discharged from the service. Mr. Tillman raised no objection to the bill.

A resolution was passed requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to give his opinion of the value of reservoirs in irrigated sections in connection with agricultural enterprises.

At the close of the morning business Mr. Allison again called up the Indian appropriation bill.

Mr. Money introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to have removed to their former homes the bodies of all soldiers and sailors in the war with Spain who were killed in battle or who died in camps, and providing also for the care of the graves.

HOUSE.

Mr. Corliss, of Michigan, called up the Senate bill authorizing the States to use voting machines.

Mr. Gaines, of Tennessee, warmly opposed the bill.

Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, also objected to its passage as it would entail a great deal of expense on rural districts.

"We have had enough machine politics already in this country," said Mr. Grosvenor, and Mr. Corliss explained that the measure merely gave the States the right to use, but did not compel them to adopt the voting machines.

Mr. Gaines interrupted Mr. Corliss and the latter exclaimed, "The gentleman from Tennessee has already been heard more than any other member on this subject and the House is getting tired of him."

Mr. Gaines leaped to his feet with an angry rejoinder that was drowned in the raps of the Speaker's gavel.

The bill was then passed.

After a discussion lasting nearly half an hour as to the proper manner of procedure the House resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider consideration of public building bills, that had not been completed the day before.

The first bill to be taken up was that providing for a site for the public library building to be donated to Washington by Andrew Carnegie. It was passed, the site being Mount Vernon Square, between 7th and 9th streets, Massachusetts avenue and K street.

Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, made strenuous objection to the way the public building bills were shot through the committee of the whole. He said that if the members got what they wanted they did not care what else passed the committee or the House. He referred especially to the action of Mr. Payne on Tuesday, who waited till New York was provided for and then thought that the House was getting extravagant.

He wanted to know why Mr. Payne did not become economical before he got what he wanted.

Mr. Payne asserted that he did not care any more about New York buildings than any other buildings and insisted that he felt it his duty to look after the good of the whole people.

BISHOP WILLIAMS DEAD.

Right Rev. John Williams, D. D., LL. D., senior bishop and one of the foremost educators and preachers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, died at the Episcopal residence in Middletown, Conn., shortly before 6 o'clock last night, aged eighty-one years. His death was sudden and unexpected. He had been attacked with the grip in a mild form about a week ago, but no fatal result was apprehended.

Bishop Williams was a native of Massachusetts and was educated at Harvard and at Washington (now Trinity) College. He studied theology with Dr. Samuel F. Jarvis and was ordained by Bishop Thomas C. Brown in 1838. He was one of the most popular preachers of Trinity College and was a founder of the Berkeley Divinity School, at Middletown, Conn.

KILLED SISTER BY ACCIDENT.—Lyman Brothers, eighteen years old, of Nansemond county, yesterday afternoon started to kill robins and ended by shooting his two sisters. Hattie Brothers, aged thirteen, is dead, and Willie, twenty-one years old, had her right leg shot away. Willie may recover. When the accident happened Lyman was in the dining room priming the tube of an old gun. Friction ignited the powder and the charge of No. 6 shot passed through Willie's leg and Hattie's head. Lyman was resting on her sister's knee. Lyman was frantic and temporarily mad. He had to be restrained to prevent suicide.

The girls' father was once assaulted, robbed and left for dead, but recovered and still lives, minus one arm that was cut off in the affray. His two would-be assassins, negroes, were hanged. That was in 1858.

John McKenna, an aged bachelor, reputed to have considerable money, was found dead in the doorway of his home, near Cardiff, Ala., this morning. His body was partially burned and his clothing was saturated with oil. It is believed he was murdered and his body saturated with oil and fired. His money is missing.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

An epidemic of "spotted fever," or cerebro spinal meningitis, is said to be raging at Morgantown, Ky.

The suit of Mr. William Waldorf Astor against the London Mail was settled by the giving of an apology.

William Laird, of the shipbuilding firm which built the Confederate war vessel Alabama, died at Liverpool yesterday.

The trial in Philadelphia of U. S. Senator Quay on the charge of conspiracy has again been postponed to February 27.

At the opening of the British Parliament yesterday references to an Anglo-American alliance were greeted with enthusiasm.

The report of the war investigating commission will be delivered to the President to-day or to-morrow. Secretary Alger will be criticised for lack of firmness.

Andrew Carnegie, the millionaire steel baron and philanthropist, has offered to give the city of Atlanta \$100,000 for a public library if the city will furnish the site.

It is stated in financial circles that the government, in remitting \$20,000,000 indemnity to Spain for the Philippine Islands, will do so by shipping the gold direct from the treasury, and will not deal with the exchange market in any way.

The House committee on naval affairs has practically adopted Secretary Long's recommendations for increase of the navy. The committee will recommend an addition of three battle ships, three armored cruisers and six unprotected cruisers.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon of the anti-Parnellite members of Parliament, John Dillon, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, announced his resignation of the leadership, his motive being expectation that the Irish national convention, to be held in March, will come to new arrangements for securing the unity of the national party.

Mrs. L. Mortimer Thorne, Jr., who is not only a well-known figure in New York society, but has long been an enviable reputation for dramatic ability, will make her debut on Thursday evening, when Augustin Daly will present a new melodrama, "The Great Ruby," at Daly's Theater. Mrs. Thorne was Miss Lillian Gwynn, and her maiden name is the one she will use professionally.

Sixty thousand sheep are said to be dying of cold and hunger in Colorado. Many flocks have already been abandoned by the herders. Cattle are also suffering severely, and a prominent herder says that half of them will be dead in twenty-four hours more of such weather. Grass and shrubs are covered with snow, and the cattle can find nothing to eat. Western railroads are experiencing great difficulty with the snowdrifts.

A dispatch from Havana says the Cuban Assembly decided yesterday to wait two days after Gen. Gomez arrives there and if he does not appear before the Assembly and explain his agreement with Mr. Robert P. Porter, President McKinley's special commissioner, to summon him to testify as to what took place at their conference. If it is shown that Gen. Gomez has betrayed the cause of Cuban independence he will be tried by court martial. The Cubans are evidently anxious about that \$300,000 which Gomez is to receive.

A dispatch from Washington says: The administration has indicated its desire that before his final retirement from public life John Sherman should again serve the nation. It is learned that within the last forty-eight hours Senator Hanna called upon his predecessor and offered him a post of great dignity and importance on behalf of the administration. The President desires that Mr. Sherman should accept the position of commissioner to Spain, pending the appointment of a regular minister. The ex-secretary, it is understood, has taken the matter under advisement.

CLAIM ON THE STATE.—Gov. Tyler received a letter yesterday from Ellis Moran, of Baltimore, making a claim upon the State of Virginia for one-fourth of the \$189,000 of direct tax refunded to the State two or three years ago by the general government.

He says his father, the late J. M. Moran, had an agreement with Gov. Holliday under which, if the former secured the refunding of the money thus paid by the people of Virginia, he was to receive 25 per cent. of the amount so recovered.

Mr. Moran claims that his father worked so hard that his life was shortened, and that it was through his efforts that the passage of the refunding bill was finally secured. He now makes the claim on behalf of his father's family, and not having the agreement into which his father entered, asks the Governor to have a copy made and sent to him. The full amount of the direct tax fund has been distributed.

DIED IN HIS BOOTS.—News has reached Bristol, Tenn., of the tragic fate of a desperate character, who has been a troublesome figure in the border counties of Virginia and eastern Kentucky for some time. Ed Hall, the bully of the Pond Gap region, was ridden with bullets by Martin Sowards, a merchant of that community. In Sowards's absence Hall had entered his neighbor's house, intimidated Mrs. Sowards and the children, and made threats against the absent husband. Upon his return Sowards took his first opportunity and from the store door fired the fatal shots.

Hall is said to be related to the noted Talt Hall, who has a dozen murders credited to him and who was finally captured and hanged at Wise Court House, Va., a few years ago.

THE MCENERY RESOLUTION.—It is now quite evident that the republican majority in the Senate do not propose to allow a vote at the present time upon the resolution offered by Senator McEnery, declaring that the Philippines shall not be annexed as a part of the United States and that the inhabitants of the islands shall not become American citizens. The republicans sidetracked Senator McEnery's resolution yesterday as the administration disapproves it. Senator Mason made an effort to secure consideration yesterday, but without success. He says that he has been buncoed. Mr. McEnery is now indifferent and the leaders say that a declaration at this time is inadvisable.

To insure a happy New Year, keep the liver clear and the body vigorous by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. Edgar Wardell, Jr., corner King and Pitt streets,

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Catharine Menefee, wife of Mr. Thomas Menefee, died at Carlotta, their country home in Page county, on Monday.

An abattoir company has been organized at Newport News, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The plant will cost \$500,000.

Mrs. Bryant, wife of William F. Bryant, commissioner of the revenue of the city of Roanoke, died at her home in that city Monday night.

During the holidays John Prodor committed violent highway assaults on Gus Fugill at Upperville. In the County Court on Saturday he was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary. Clinton Turner, colored, was at the same time sentenced to four years for larceny.

Judge Waddill, in the United States Circuit Court in Richmond, entered a decree yesterday confirming the sale by receivers of the Powhatan gold mines, in Culpeper county. The sale was made some time ago to Mr. L. G. Johnson, of Culpeper, representing himself and other creditors.

At Richmond on the 15th instant, at Norfolk on the 22d and at Lynchburg on the 29th there will be meetings of ministers and leading laymen of the Virginia Methodist Conference. The purpose is to start publicly in Virginia a movement in which Methodists the world over are participating in preparation for the part which that organization is expecting to have in the supreme effort of the General Church to Christianize the whole world in the twentieth century.

Car Inspector R. H. Owens, of the Norfolk and Western Railway, met a horrible death late Monday night at Berkley Junction, on the outskirts of Norfolk. He was walking along the track, when it is supposed a backing freight train struck him. The mutilated remains were scattered along the track for a distance of over one hundred feet. The head was completely severed from the body, and a leg was cut off. A long search was necessary to find all the missing portions of the remains.

MORE FIGHTING.

A dispatch from Manila says: Three companies of the Kansas regiment, under command of Colonel Funston, made a charge Monday evening against a body of Filipinos, who were hard pressing a reconnoitering party which was doing duty not far from Calocan. The Americans behaved with the greatest gallantry. The reconnoitering party were fighting against very heavy odds, but they showed no signs of quitting, though there was scarcely a doubt that they would have been cut to pieces had it not been for the opportune arrival of the Kansas troops.

After a desperate conflict in which Lieut. Albert C. Alford, of Company I, and a private were killed, and five men wounded, the enemy were driven back to Calocan, which is the strongest position of the rebels.

Meantime the light-draught gunboats were shelling the town from the left, while the Utah battery was putting in good work from the right. Their shells set the town on fire, and it is supposed, inflicted severe losses on the Filipinos.

General Otis's official reports up to date indicate that forty-nine Americans have been killed in the fighting and 148 wounded. He estimates the total Filipino losses at about four thousand.

The campaign against the Filipinos is to be prosecuted with vigor. The question was discussed at yesterday's cabinet meeting, and the conclusion was reached that before permanent peace or security to life and property could be obtained in the islands Aguinaldo's forces must be made to lay down their arms.

It is expected that General Otis, in cooperation with Admiral Dewey, will push forward at once and give the natives no chance to recover from their defeats. Iloilo is to be occupied at once by the American land and naval forces, and General Otis is to move immediately on Malolos, the insurgent capital, and capture or disperse the so-called Filipino government. Malolos is about fifteen miles from Manila.

The more closely the Filipinos are pressed and the campaign, it is said, the sooner peace may be expected.

POLITICAL.

A letter from Richmond says: "Among the governor's callers on Monday was Mr. T. C. Pilcher, member of the House of Delegates from Fauquier county. Mr. Pilcher is just from Washington, and is on his way home. He and Governor Tyler had a long talk over State politics, discussing in a general way the working of the legislature of the last session, and the work to be done at the session which will convene in December."

Mr. Pilcher is understood to be a candidate for the position of Speaker of the House of Delegates. He will certainly be a candidate if re-elected, of which there is little or no doubt, and if Mr. John F. Ryan, Speaker of the House, is re-elected and is not a candidate. No doubt is entertained as to the re-election of Mr. Ryan. Whether he will be a candidate for the speakership is not known. He probably will be. It is likely, however, that despite the warm friendship existing between Mr. Pilcher and Mr. Ryan, they will both be candidates for the speakership.

Another letter from Richmond says: "Mr. Pilcher says he does not know that he will come back to the legislature but Judge C. M. White, of this county, who is also here, says he can be re-elected if he wants to serve another term. Mr. Pilcher has little to say about the speakership but in view of the fact that Mr. Martin is not likely to have any opposition he feels that his vote for that gentleman nearly six years ago is vindicated. Some very prominent gentlemen in Fauquier, who were here working for Lee, threatened to retire Mr. Pilcher to private life, but he has been coming back to every session since that exciting contest."

John Holland's gold pen factory at Cincinnati, O., was damaged to the extent of \$30,000 by fire early this morning. An overheated flue was the cause.

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IN MEMORIAM.

In loving remembrance of J. A. FINNELL, who died one year ago to-day—February 8, 1898. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a kind and sincere friend and neighbor. Her memory will ever remain green in the hearts of those near and dear.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Manila Affair.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—The following telegram from Gen. Otis was received at the War Department this morning:

Manila, Feb. 8.

Adjutant General, Washington.

Reconnoissance yesterday to south several miles; to east to Laguna bay; to northeast eight miles, driving insurgent troops in various directions, encountering no decided opposition. Army disintegrated, and natives returning to village, displaying white flags.

Near Calocan, six miles north, enemy made stand behind entrenchments. Charged by Kansas troops, led by Colonel Funston. Close encounter resulting in rout of enemy with very heavy loss. Loss to Kansas, Lieutenant killed, six men wounded.

Night of fourth Aguinaldo issued flying proclamation, charging Americans with initiative and declared war. His influence throughout this section destroyed. Now applies for cessation of hostilities and conference. Have declined to answer.

Insurgents expectation of rising in city on night of fourth unrealized. Provost marshal general defeated every attempt.

City quiet. Business resumed. Natives respectful and cheerful.

(Signed) OTIS.

MADRID, Feb. 8.—The papers to-day are savagely exultant over the trouble between the Americans and the Filipinos at Manila. They urge the government to hold itself absolutely aloof from the difficulties.

The government has received the following official dispatch from Manila:

"The Americans have repulsed the Filipinos after firing 20 hours and now occupy our former advanced positions. The Americans with their artillery and the guns of the squadron destroyed several villages in the vicinity of the city and treated the inhabitants with great severity. Numerous arrests are being made in Manila. The streets are occupied by troops, who prevent the natives from going about. Hostilities have ceased."

"I am anxious for the consequences which the recent events may have for the Spanish prisoners and will do the best I can for our cause under the present circumstances."

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 8.—The Filipino junta here continues to insist that the Americans began the conflict at Manila on Saturday. The members of the junta, however, have quieted down considerably and are not so talkative. This, it is reported, is due to a hint from the British authorities.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Filipino junta here has received a cablegram from Aguinaldo, dated Montreal, Feb. 7, "Declaring the hostilities, which have had the effect of securing the ratification of the peace treaty."

Got Rid of Wife by Sale.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 8.—A transaction in which a wife was the article of sale was revealed in the Lackawanna Criminal Court yesterday. Susan Epplenman was on trial for assault, and Paoche Alroy was the prosecutor. The case came from the town of Priceburg, and the prosecutrix in her testimony made the statement that she was married to William Marcy, who, by mutual agreement, had sold her for \$25 to John Van Nort. The transfer was made by a bill of sale dated February 18, 1898, in which Marcy stated that he waived all claim to his wife and sold the same to Van Nort for the sum named. The three parties signed the document and Sam'l Corlies witnessed it. The deal came about on a disagreement between Marcy and wife, in which the latter said she could be happier away from him and with Van Nort. Marcy lost no time in making a deal with Van Nort, and since then the latter and Mrs. Marcy have lived together, while Marcy took his little daughter and made his home with Mrs. Epplenman. The girl's mother wanted to see her, and in attempting to do so the assault took place, which yesterday brought out the matter of the sale. Van Nort was a witness in the case, and he produced the bill of sale in his testimony. Marcy acknowledged the deal. He declared he had not yet got his money, but was satisfied with the sale.

The Weather.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Chicago is more completely ice bound than she has been at any time since 1881. Navigation is completely suspended. It was very cold in the west and southwest to-day. In Minnesota and the Dakotas at 7 o'clock this morning the thermometer was from 36 to 38 below zero. In Nebraska and Iowa it was about ten degrees warmer. Over in Kansas, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois, the weather ranged from 8 below zero to 2 above. It is 26 above at New Orleans.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—New York is at the mercy of a good sized blizzard to-day. Half a dozen inches of snow fell last night and a strong gale is blowing. The sudden change from clear warm weather is causing great suffering among the poor. At Utica the snow began falling at midnight and by seven this morning there was over a foot on the level. The storm continues.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—There is a terrific northeast raging along the Massachusetts coast, threatening destruction to lives and shipping. Wires are down and all trains are late.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—No shipping whatever was seen passing in or out of Sandy Hook this morning. At 7:40 a. m. the marine observers at Sandy Hook, and the quarantine station reported a raging snow storm.

A Fighter Killed.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 8.—A boxing match with fatal result took place here Monday night. The principals were Private Butler of the King's Royal Rifles and a native known as Kafir George, light weights. The Kafir was outclassed and suffered terrific punishment throughout the bout. Finally, the Kafir after being knocked down crawled under the ropes and Butler was declared the winner amid wild excitement. Meanwhile the Kafir lay senseless and the doctors were unable to revive him. He was taken to the hospital, where he died. The police were present, but the fight was not interfered with.

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THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—July, May 71 1/2, 72 1/2, 73 1/2; Corn—July, May 36 1/2, 37 1/2, 38 1/2; Oats—July, May 27 1/2, 28 1/2, 29 1/2; Pork—May \$10 10 to 20; Lard—May \$7 75 to 77 1/2.

GRANDTOWN, Feb. 8.—Wheat 70 1/2, 71 1/2, 72 1/2.

Disease in Telephones.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Board of Health inspectors have been directed to ascertain whether bacteria are communicated from the transmitters of public telephones. They examined the transmitters of several telephones to-day and will continue their investigations until all the telephones in the city have been examined. President Murphy said there was a general impression that tuberculosis, diphtheria and other diseases of the respiratory organs were likely to be disseminated through the telephone unless care was taken to keep them clean.

Foreign News.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A dispatch from Bucharest says that the Sultan of Turkey is ill. He has a variety of diseases and is in constant fear of assassination.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—John Ruskin's eightieth birthday is being celebrated at the author's home, in Bedford-square to-day.

ROME, Feb. 8.—Madame Fall and her husband, Baron Cederstrom, have arrived and are being entertained by Queen Margaret.

Quay's Fight.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 8.—The twentieth ballot for U. S. Senator returned to-day as follows: Quay 100, Jackson 14, Dill 14, scattering 35. Quay scored 13. It was expected that this day would see a break in the deadlock, but all sides have agreed to continue the present campaign for a few days longer. The democrats have notified the anti-Quay republicans that they must submit to the minority some proposition looking to a compromise or fusion candidate within a week.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

John Coleman, a wealthy resident of Seio, dropped dead through exhaustion over the oil boom at Massillon, Ohio, yesterday. Monday a farmer near Woods expired on being told that a rich strike of oil had been made on his farm.